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POLAND: New Troop Deployment

The regime's plan to deploy troops soon in all major cities may be largely intended to provide Warsau with good reporting on local consumer problems.

Having earlier sent troops to assess the situation and aid the populace in the countryside, the regime apparently now sees a need to do the same in 49 provincial capitals and other large urban areas. It will dispatch groups of 10 to 15 men-including medical, supply, communications, and other technical specialists—to help the people prepare for the hardships of winter. Depending on its size, each of the cities will receive from a few dozen to more than 500 soldiers.

The groups are supposed to ensure the efficient utilization of local resources, including the provision of fuels, electric power, transportation, and health services. Although media reports claim the groups will not replace the local administration, the broad mandate granted them suggests regime dissatisfaction with the way in which its directives are being executed.

Talks between the regime and Solidarity, meanwhile, have apparently become stalemated over party leader Jaruzelski's proposed Front of National Accord. The regime wants Solidarity to join this ill-defined Front before it will begin serious substantive talks. The union says it will join after concrete results have been achieved, but Solidarity leader Walesa has agreed to continue discussions with the government.

pifferences of opinion over the union's bargaining strategy may have contributed to the recent resignation of 15 militants from the Gdansk Solidarity leadership. They accused Walesa of being "too conciliatory" in his dealings with the government.

The sixth plenum of the party's Central Committe meets Friday with economic problems prominent on the agenda, but Jaruzelski will also report on the progress of negotiations with Solidarity. There could be some

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high-level personnel changes. According to a recent report, Jaruzelski demanded that Politburo members either actively help him reach a modus vivendi with the union or resign.

